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PRINCIPAL QUESTIONNAIRE 2003-2004 SCHOOL YEAR



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PLEASE RESPOND BY:

MARCH 19, 2004

SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS:

- For most questions, please mark the box that best reflects your school's circumstances. Please mark your response with an 'x'.
- For questions that ask for counts or percents, please <u>use zeros</u> where appropriate, rather than leaving the item blank.
- There are two items (5 and 26) for which we would prefer that you provide estimates. It is not necessary to consult any records.
- Definitions are available (on page iii) for many terms. <u>Defined terms</u> will be highlighted with <u>red text</u> throughout the survey.
- Some questions refer to the 2003-04 school year. Please report for the <u>school year to</u> date.

Please have this questionnaire filled out by the person most knowledgeable about this topic. Please keep a copy of the completed questionnaire for your records.

Please provide the following information:

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Name of person completing form:	
Telephone:	
Title/position	
Number of years at this school:	
Best days and times to reach you (in case of questions):	
E-mail:	

If you have any questions about this questionnaire, please contact us at: 1-888-743-7324.

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Definitions

The following words are highlighted in red text wherever they appear in the questionnaire. Please use these definitions as you respond.

At school / at your school — include activities happening in school buildings, on school grounds, on school buses, and at places that are holding school-sponsored events or activities. Unless otherwise specified, only respond for those times that were normal school hours or school activities/events were in session.

Cult or extremist group — a group that espouses radical beliefs and practices, which may include a religious component, that are widely seen as threatening the basic values and cultural norms of society at large.

Firearm/explosive device — any weapon that is designed to (or may readily be converted to) expel a projectile by the action of an explosive. This includes guns, bombs, grenades, mines, rockets, missiles, pipe bombs, or similar devices designed to explode and capable of causing bodily harm or property damage.

Gang — an ongoing loosely organized association of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, that has a common name, signs, symbols or colors, whose members engage, either individually or collectively, in violent or other forms of illegal behavior.

Hate crime — a criminal offense or threat against a person, property, or society that is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias against a race, color, national origin, ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, or sexual orientation.

Insubordination — a deliberate and inexcusable defiance of or refusal to obey a school rule, authority, or a reasonable order. It includes but is not limited to direct defiance of school authority, failure to attend assigned detention or on-campus supervision, failure to respond to a call slip, and physical or verbal intimidation/abuse.

Physical attack or fight — an actual and intentional touching or striking of another person against his or her will, or the intentional causing of bodily harm to an individual.

Rape — forced sexual intercourse (vaginal, anal, or oral penetration). Includes penetration from a foreign object.

Robbery — the taking or attempting to take anything of value that is owned by another person or organization, under confrontational circumstances by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear. A key difference between robbery and theft/larceny is that robbery involves a threat or battery.

School Resource Officers — career law enforcement officers with arrest authority, who are assigned to work in collaboration with school organizations.

Sexual battery — an incident that includes threatened rape, fondling, indecent liberties, child molestation, or sodomy. Classification of these incidents should take into consideration the age and developmentally appropriate behavior of the offender(s).

Sexual harassment — unsolicited, offensive behavior that inappropriately asserts sexuality over another person. The behavior may be verbal or non-verbal.

Special education student — a child with a disability, defined as mental retardation, hearing impairments (including deafness), speech or language impairments, visual impairments (including blindness), serious emotional disturbance, orthopedic impairments, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairments, or specific learning disabilities, and who needs special education and related services and receives these under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Specialized school — a school that is specifically for students who were referred for disciplinary reasons. The school may also have students who were referred for other reasons. The school may be at the same location as your school.

Theft/larceny (taking things over \$10 without personal confrontation) — the unlawful taking of another person's property without personal confrontation, threat, violence, or bodily harm. Included are pocket picking, stealing purse or backpack (if left unattended or no force was used to take it from owner), theft from a building, theft from a motor vehicle or motor vehicle parts or accessories, theft of bicycles, theft from vending machines, and all other types of thefts.

Vandalism— the willful damage or destruction of school property including bombing, arson, graffiti, and other acts that cause property damage. Includes damage caused by computer hacking.

Violence — actual, attempted, or threatened fight or assault.

Weapon — any instrument or object used with the intent to threaten, injure, or kill. Includes look-alikes if they are used to threaten others

School practices and programs

1. During the 2003-2004 school year, was it a practice of your school to do the following? (If your school changed its practices during the school year, please answer regarding your most recent practice. Check one response on each line.)

		YES	NO
a.	Require visitors to sign or check in		
b.	Control access to school buildings during school hours (e.g., locked or monitored doors)		\square_2
c.	Control access to school grounds during school hours (e.g., locked or monitored gates)		
d.	Require students to pass through metal detectors each day		\square_2
e.	Require visitors to pass through metal detectors		\square_2
f.	Perform one or more random metal detector checks on students		\square_2
g.	Close the campus for most students during lunch		
h.	Use one or more random dog sniffs to check for drugs		
i.	Perform one or more random sweeps for contraband (e.g., drugs or weapons), but not including dog sniffs		\square_2
j.	Require drug testing for any students		
k.	Require drug testing for athletes		
1.	Require drug testing for students in extra-curricular activities other than athletics		
m.	Require students to wear uniforms		\square_2
n.	Enforce a strict dress code		
0.	Provide school lockers to students		
p.	Require clear book bags or ban book bags on school grounds		
q.	Require students to wear badges or picture IDs		
r.	Require faculty and staff to wear badges or picture IDs		
s.	Use one or more security cameras to monitor the school		
t.	Provide telephones in most classrooms		
u.	Provide two-way radios to any staff		
v.	Prohibit all tobacco use on school grounds		

2.	Does your school have a written plan that describes procedures to be performed in the following crises? If yes, has your school drilled students on the use of this plan this school year? (In each row, please check whether you have a written plan. For every "Yes" answer, check whether your school has drilled students on the plan this year.)						
	sensor has difficult students on the plan this year.	Have a wr	itten plan?	If " <u>y</u> has you drilled stud plan this so	r school lents on the		
		YES	NO	YES	NO		
a.	Shootings						
b.	Natural disasters (e.g., earthquakes or tornadoes)		\square_2		\square_2		
c.	Hostages		\square_2		\square_2		
d.	Bomb threats or incidents		\square_2		\square_2		
e.	Chemical, biological or radiological threats or incidents (e.g., release of mustard gas, anthrax, smallpox or radioactive materials)	ا ا					
3.	During the 2003-2004 school year, did your school have a reduce violence that included the following components f components, answer "yes" for each that applies. (Check of	or students?	' If a progra	ım has multi			
				1125	NO		
a.	Prevention curriculum, instruction, or training for students (training)	e.g., social s	kills		\square_2		
b.	Behavioral or behavior modification intervention for studen	ts					
c.	Counseling, social work, psychological, or therapeutic activ	ity for stude	nts		\square_2		
d.	Individual attention/mentoring/tutoring/coaching of student	s by students	or adults		\square_2		
e.	Recreational, enrichment, or leisure activities for students						
f.	Student involvement in resolving student conduct problems resolution or peer mediation, student court)	(e.g., conflic	et		\square_2		

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g. Programs to promote sense of community/social integration among students

h. Hotline/tipline for students to report problems

Parent and community involvement at school

4.	Which of the following does your school do to i	nvolve or l	help parent	s? (Check of	one response	on each line.)		
					YES	NO		
a.	Have a formal process to obtain parent input on p discipline	olicies rela	ated to school	ol crime and				
b.	Provide training or technical assistance to parents behavior							
c.	Have a program that involves parents at school he discipline	ool		\square_2				
5.	5. What is your best estimate of the percentage of students who had at least one parent or guardian participating in the following events during the 2003-2004 school year? (Check one response on each line.) School does 0-25% 26-50% 51-75% 76-100% not offer							
a.	Open house or back-to-school night	□ ₁		\square_3	\square_4			
b.	Regularly scheduled parent-teacher conferences	□,		\square_3	$\square_{\scriptscriptstyle 4}$			
c.	Special subject-area events (e.g., science fair, concerts)	□₁		\square_3	\square_4			
d.	Volunteered at school or served on a committee	 1		\square_3	\square_4			
6.	6. Were any of the following community and outside groups involved in your school's efforts to promote safe, disciplined, and drug-free schools? (Check one response on each line.)							
	D				YES	NO		
a.	Parents groups							
b.	Social service agencies							
c.	Juvenile justice agencies					\square_2		
d.	Law enforcement agencies					\square_2		
e.	Mental health agencies							
f.	Civic organizations/service clubs							

g. Private corporations and business

h. Religious organizations

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7.	During the 2003-2004 school year, did you have any sworn law security personnel present at your school on a regular basis?	w enforcement officers,	security gua	ards, or
	\square_1 Yes			
	☐ ₂ No [SKIP to Question 12]			
8.	Were these sworn law enforcement officers, security guards, or around your school at the following times? (Check one response		egularly used	d in or
			YES	NO
a.	At any time during school hours			
b.	While students were arriving or leaving			\square_2
c.	At selected school activities (e.g., athletic and social events, open	n houses, science fairs)		\square_2
d.	When school/school activities not occurring			\square_2
e.	Other (please specify)			
		Number of full-time	ord zero [0]. Number o	of part-time
a	Security guards or security personnel (not law enforcement)	at your school	at your	school
b.	School Resource Officers (Include all career law enforcement officers with arrest authority, who are assigned to work in collaboration with school organizations.)		_	_
c.	Sworn law enforcement officers who are <u>not School Resource</u> Officers			
10.	Did any of the law enforcement officers, security guards, or so wear a uniform (or other identifiable clothing) or carry a fire			
	school? (Check one response on each line.)	J	iey were at j	your
_	school? (Check one response on each line.)	Ü	YES	your NO
a.	School? (Check one response on each line.) Uniformed, or in other identifiable clothing	Ü	·	

	following activities at your school? (Check one response on each line.)		
		YES	NO
a.	Security enforcement and patrol		
b.	Maintaining school discipline and safety		\square_2
c.	Coordination with local police and emergency team		\square_2
d.	Identifying problems in the school and proactively seeking solutions to those problems		\square_2
e.	Training teachers and staff in school safety or crime prevention		\square_2
f.	Mentoring students		\square_2
g.	Teaching a law-related education course or training students (e.g., drug-related education, criminal law or crime prevention courses)		
	During the 2003-2004 school year, which of the following trainings for classroom teacher your school or district provide? (Check one response on each line.)	ers or aide	s did
	During the 2003-2004 school year, which of the following trainings for classroom teacher	ers or aide	s did NO
	During the 2003-2004 school year, which of the following trainings for classroom teacher		
12.	During the 2003-2004 school year, which of the following trainings for classroom teacher your school or district provide? (Check one response on each line.)	YES	NO
12. a.	During the 2003-2004 school year, which of the following trainings for classroom teacher your school or district provide? (Check one response on each line.) Classroom management for teachers	YES	NO Q
a. b.	During the 2003-2004 school year, which of the following trainings for classroom teacher your school or district provide? (Check one response on each line.) Classroom management for teachers School-wide discipline policies and practices related to violence, alcohol and/or drug use	YES	NO Q
a. b.	During the 2003-2004 school year, which of the following trainings for classroom teacher your school or district provide? (Check one response on each line.) Classroom management for teachers School-wide discipline policies and practices related to violence, alcohol and/or drug use Safety procedures	YES	
a. b. c. d.	During the 2003-2004 school year, which of the following trainings for classroom teacher your school or district provide? (Check one response on each line.) Classroom management for teachers School-wide discipline policies and practices related to violence, alcohol and/or drug use Safety procedures Recognizing early warning signs of students likely to exhibit violent behavior	YES	

Limitations on crime prevention

14. To what extent did the following factors limit your school's efforts to reduce or prevent crime? (Check one response on each line.)

(Check one response on each fine.)	Limit in major way	Limit in minor way	Does not limit
a. Lack of or inadequate teacher training in classroom management	□ ₁		
b. Lack of or inadequate alternative placements/programs for disruptive students		\square_2	\square_3
c. Likelihood of complaints from parents		\square_2	
d. Lack of teacher support for school policies		\square_2	 3
e. Lack of parental support for school policies		\square_2	 3
f. Teachers' fear of student retaliation		\square_2	\square_3
g. Fear of litigation		\square_2	\square_3
h. Inadequate funds		\square_2	\square_3
i. Inconsistent application of school policies by faculty or staff		\square_2	\square_3
j. Fear of district or state reprisal		\square_2	\square_3
k. Federal, state, or district policies on disciplining special education students			\square_3
l. Other federal policies on discipline and safety		\square_2	
m. Other state or district policies on discipline and safety			\square_3

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<u>Fr</u>	requency of c	rime and vi	olence at scho	<u>ool</u>			
15			l year, did any or school? (Check		students, fa	aculty, or staff	die as a result of a
		Yes					
	\square_2	No					
16	. During the 20	003-2004 schoo	l year, has there	e been at least o	ne incident	at your school	that involved a
			•	? Please include ed the firearm.			rred <mark>at school</mark> ,
		Yes					
	\square_2	No					

Number of incidents

- 17. Please provide the number of *incidents* your school recorded during the 2003-2004 school year for the offenses listed below. Please provide information on:
 - The number of incidents, not the number of victims or offenders.
 - Recorded incidents, regardless of whether any disciplinary action was taken.
 - Recorded incidents, regardless of whether students or non-students were involved.
 - Incidents occurring before, during, or after normal school hours.
 - Only the most serious offense when an incident involved multiple offenses. For example, if an incident included a rape and robbery, include the incident only under rape. The list below does not necessarily dictate the order of seriousness. Use your own judgment when determining which is the most serious offense.

		If there were no such incidents in your school's records please record zero [0].				
		Total number of recorded incidents	Number reported to police or other law enforcement			
a.	Rape or attempted rape					
b.	Sexual battery other than rape (include threatened rape)					
c.	Robbery (taking things by force)					
	i. With a weapon					
	ii. Without a weapon					
d.	Physical attack or fight					
	i. With a weapon					
	ii. Without a weapon					
e.	Threats of physical attack					
	i. With a weapon					
	ii. Without a weapon					
f.	Theft/larceny (taking things over \$10 without personal confrontation)					
g.	Possession of firearm/explosive device					
h.	Possession of knife or sharp object with intent to harm					
i.	Distribution of illegal drugs					
j.	Possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs					
k.	Vandalism					

18. During the 2003-2004 school year, how many of the following occurred? (If no such incident occurred, please record zero [0]).							
	Total number						
a. Hate crime							
b. Gang-related crime							
19. How many times during the 2003-2004 school year were activities disrupted by actions such as death threats, bomb threats, or chemical, biological, or radiological threats? Exclude all fire alarms from your response, including false fire alarms. (If no such incident occurred, please record zero [0].) Number of disruptions							
Disciplinary problems and actions							
20. To the best of your knowledge, how often did the follo (Check one response on each line.)	wing types of problems occur at your school?						

		daily	least once a week	least once a month	occasion	happens
a.	Student racial tensions					
b.	Student bullying			\square_3	\square_4	\square_{5}
c.	Student sexual harassment of other students	□ ₁		\square_3	\square_4	\square_5
d.	Student verbal abuse of teachers		\square_2	\square_3	$\square_{\scriptscriptstyle 4}$	\square_5
e.	Widespread disorder in classrooms			\square_3	\square_4	\square_5
f.	Student acts of disrespect for teachers		\square_2	\square_3	$\square_{\scriptscriptstyle 4}$	\square_5
g.	Gang activities			\square_3	\square_4	\square_5
h.	Cult or extremist group activities		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4	\square_{5}

Happens at

Happens at

Happens on

Never

Happens

21. During the 2003-2004 school year, did your school allow for the use of the following disciplinary actions? If yes, were the actions used this school year? (In each row, please check whether your school allows for each action. For every "Yes" answer, please check whether the action was used for this year.)

	Disciplinary Action	Does school a use o follov	llow for f the	If " <u>Y</u> was the used school	action this
		YES	NO	YES	NO
a.	Removal with no continuing school services for at least remainder of school year	 1			
b.	Removal with school-provided tutoring/at-home instruction for at least remainder of school year				
c.	Transfer to specialized school for disciplinary reasons		\square_2		\square_2
d.	Transfer to another regular school for disciplinary reasons		\square_2		
e.	Out-of-school suspension or removal for less than the remainder of the school year with no curriculum/services provided				
f.	Out-of-school suspension or removal for less than the remainder of the school year with curriculum/services provided				
g.	In school suspension for less than the remainder of the school year with no curriculum/services provided				
h.	In school suspension for less than the remainder of the school year with curriculum/services provided				
i.	Referral to school counselor		\square_2		\square_2
j.	Assigned to program designed to reduce disciplinary problems during school hours				
k.	Assigned to program designed to reduce disciplinary problems outside of school hours				
1.	Kept off school bus due to misbehavior				
m.	Corporal punishment		\square_2		\square_2
n.	Put on school probation with threatened consequences if another incident occurs				
о.	Detention and/or Saturday school		\square_2		
p.	Loss of student privileges				
q.	Require participation in community service				

- 22. During the 2003-2004 school year, how many students were involved in committing the following offenses, and how many of the following disciplinary actions were taken in response?
 - If more than one student was involved in an incident, please count each student separately when providing the number of disciplinary actions.
 - If a student was disciplined more than once, please count each offense separately (e.g., a student who was suspended five times would be counted as five suspensions).
 - However, if a student was disciplined in two different ways for a single infraction (e.g., the student was both suspended and referred to counseling), count only the most severe disciplinary action that was taken.

If there are no such offenses or disciplinary actions in your school's records, please record zero [0].

	Offense	Total students involved in recorded offenses (regardless of disciplinary action)	Removals with no continuing school services for at least the remainder of the school year	Transfers to specialized schools for disciplinary reasons	Out-of-school suspensions lasting 5 or more days, but less than the remainder of the school year	Other disciplinary action (e.g., suspension less than 5 days, detention, etc.)
a.	Use/possession of a firearm/explosive device					
b.	Use/possession of a weapon other than a firearm					
c.	Distribution, possession, or use of illegal drugs					
d.	Distribution, possession, or use of alcohol					
e.	Physical attacks or fights					
f.	Insubordination					

23. During the 2003-2004 school year, how many students were removed from your school without continuing services for at least the remainder of the school year or transferred to a specialized school for disciplinary reasons? (If no such removals or transfers occurred, please record zero [0].)

		Total number
a.	Total removals with no continuing services for at least the remainder of the school year?	
b.	Total transfers to specialized schools for disciplinary reasons?	

School characteristics

24.	As of October 1, 2003, what was the total enrollment at year	our school?		
	students			
25.	What percentage of your current students fit the followin	g criteria?		
			Percent of students	
a.	Eligible for free or reduced-price lunch		%	
b.	Limited English proficient (LEP)		%	
c.	Special education students		%	
d.	Male		%	
26.	What is your best estimate of the percentage of your curr	ent students who are the	following?	
			Percent of students	
a.	Below the 15 th percentile on standardized tests	%		
b.	Likely to go to college after high school	%		
c.	Consider academic achievement to be very important	%		
27.	7. How many classroom changes do most students make in a typical day? (Count going to lunch and then returning to the same or a different classroom as two classroom changes. Do not count morning arrival or afternoon departure.)			
	Typical number of classroom changes	_		
28.	How many paid staff are at your school in the following c	ategories? (If no such state	ff, please record zero [0].)	
		Number of full-time	Number of part-time	
a.	Special education teachers			
b.	Special education aides			
c.	Regular classroom teachers			
d.	Regular classroom teacher aides or paraprofessionals			
e.	Counselors/mental health professionals			

29.	(Check only one response.)					
	High level of crime					
	Moderate level of crime					
	Low level of crime					
			as with very different levels	of crime		
	—4		as which your constructions	9. 0		
30.	How would y (Check only o		vel in the area where your	school is located?		
		High level of crime				
		Moderate level of crime				
	□ Low level of crime					
31.	Which of the	following best describes	your school? (Check one	response.)		
	П	Dagular muhlig sahaal				
		Regular public school Charter school				
			or part of school			
	 □₃ Have magnet program for part of school □₄ Totally a magnet school 					
	Other (please specify):					
	—3	curer (preuse speerig).				
32.	What is your	school's average daily a	ttendance?			
		% of students p	present			
33.	year had star	ted? Please report on the erred more than once in the l.)	ne total mobility, not just to e school year, count each tr	red to or from your school after the school ransfers due to disciplinary actions. (If a ansfer separately. If no transfers, please		
			Total number of transfer	rs		
a. '	Transferred to	the school				
b.	Transferred <u>fro</u>	omthe school				
34.	Please provid	le the following dates.				
a.	Starting date	for your 2003-2004 acad	emic school year	/ /2003		
b.	b. Ending date for your 2003-2004 academic school year			//2004		
c.	c. Date you completed the questionnaire			/		

Thank you very much for completing this survey. If you have \underline{any} questions, please contact us, toll-free at: 1-888-743-7324.